

## **Abstract**

Individual test executive sequences may correspond to individual sub-components of a hierarchical system. To test a system sub-component directly without testing “upper” sub-components in the hierarchy, a first test executive sequence corresponding to 5 that system sub-component may be executed directly, without requiring execution of test executive sequences above the first test executive sequence in the hierarchy, or requiring only partial execution of test executive sequences above the first test executive sequence in the hierarchy. Another embodiment of the invention comprises a system and method for enabling propagation or inheritance of test executive sequence local variables.